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RIVER BOARD**

August 2, 2017
River Board meeting
Frederick, Maryland

In attendance:

Jack Lynch (FC), Bob Whiting (FC), Sam Roop (FC), Staff Tim Goodfellow, Ex-Officio member Pam Reppert (City of Frederick), George Grillon (CC), Mona Becker (CC), Chris Heyn (CC), Jim Wieprecht (CC), Earl Bell (CC), Staff Byron Madigan.

Chairman Grillon opened the meeting and mentioned the 47 written comments received on the Final Draft Plan of the River Management Plan and the input received at the July 12, 2017 public hearing.

Mona motioned to approve the June 2017 meeting minutes. Jim W. seconded motion. Unanimous approval.

Tim distributed maps and drawings that show the SHA's plans to replace the travel decking on the MD 28 bridge over the Monocacy. The SHA is improving the existing River access point next to the bridge.

Earl Bell stated his criticisms about the River Management Plan.

Earl Bell motioned to remove recommendation no. 6-4 (chapter 6) from the Plan. Sam seconded motion. Vote: 3-4-1. 3 in favor: George, Earl, Sam. 4 opposed: Mona, Chris, Jack, Jim W. 1 abstain: Bob. Motion failed.

Chris motioned to remove the last clause from recommendation no. 6-4 (chapter 6) that begins with "...along with specific River....." George seconded motion. Vote: 4-3-1. 4 in favor: Mona, Chris, Jim, George. 3 opposed: Earl, Sam, Jack. 1 abstain: Bob. Motion passed.

George motioned to remove the portion of the last sentence in the 2nd paragraph of the Executive Summary after the words, "....stop development or impeded agriculture

Earl seconded motion. Vote: 3-4-1. 3 in favor: George, Sam, Earl. 4 opposed: Mona, Chris, Jack, Jim. 1 abstain: Bob. Motion failed.

George motioned to change the time period for review and update of the River Mngt Plan from 5 years to 10 years (contained in the Executive Summary). Mona seconded motion. Vote: 7-1. 1 opposed: Jack. Motion passed.

George distributed a written statement for a new recommendation concerning River access, trespassing and private property and made a motion to add it before the 2nd to last sentence in the 4th paragraph of the Executive Summary. Earl seconded motion. Vote: 7-1. 1 abstention: Bob. Motion passed.

Earl motioned to add language to the Plan concerning the public access points and trespassing and needed additions to signage along the River that addresses the trespassing and private property issues. Chris seconded motion. Jim W. discussed and proposed words to add to the Plan. The River Board agreed to allow Jim time to draft language for inclusion in the Plan. After a time, Jim suggested language for a new recommendation no. 8-13. Vote: 8-0. Motion passed.

George motioned to remove recommendation no. 4-4 (chapter 4) from the Plan. Earl seconded motion. Vote: 3-4-1. 3 in favor: George, Earl, Sam. 4 opposed: Mona, Chris, Jack, Jim W. 1 abstention: Bob.

Tim introduced a suggested change to recommendation 5-2 (chapter 5) to clarify Frederick County's Reforestation program. Chris motioned to accept the change as presented. Bob W. seconded motion. Sam made a secondary motion to Chris' motion to add the word 'voluntary' to the new recommendation no. 5-2. Chris accepted secondary motion. George seconded the 2nd motion. Vote: 8-0. Motions passed.

George distributed a written statement about voluntary programs and assistance for River front landowners for inclusion in the Plan. Jim W. mentioned that it could be a new recommendation. After discussion, Mona proposed a revision to the statement and read it aloud for the River Board in the form of a new recommendation. George indicated support for the revision to the statement and made a motion to add this new recommendation to chapter 5. Chris seconded motion. Vote: 8-0. Motion passed.

Sam wanted to confirm that Chapter 8 (parkland) included a statement that the River Board and the River Mngt Plan do not support public trails or access on private property. Sam asked Tim to read the 2 sentences on page 8-3 and 8-4 that confirm this.

The River Board members discussed the inclusion of the description of riparian buffer research in Chapter 5 as an informational item only.

Discussion next centered on the recommendation for the creation of viewshed protection plans contained in Chapter 4. Many River Board members expressed opinions on the meaning of viewsheds and their protection. Chris motioned to replace recommendation no. 4-4 with a revised statement that he read. Mona seconded motion. Vote: 7-1. Opposed: Earl Bell. Motion passed.

Bryon distributed maps that show total nitrogen and total Phosphorus decreasing in the Monocacy River Watershed.

Earl Bell expressed his desire to revisit property rights issues. George introduced a written statement about the Plan not impeding or infringing on property rights and motioned to include his statement in the Executive Summary. Earl seconded motion. Chris introduced a secondary motion to revise George's statement to read ".....or to infringe on landowners' property rights" for inclusion in the Executive Summary. George accepted motion. Mona seconded motion. Vote: 8-0 motion passed.

George motioned to approve and accept the 2017 River Board Recommended Monocacy River Management Plan with the revisions discussed during the meeting. Bob seconded motion. Earl Bell read a statement into the record as an amendment. George did not accept the statement. Vote: 6-2. Opposed: Earl Bell, Sam Roop. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 10:10pm.

Submitted by Tim Goodfellow